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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 2143

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: HETTISH et al.

Application No.: 10/673,941

Filing Date: 9/29/2003

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
SENDING A MESSAGE TO ONE
OR MORE DESTINATIONS

Group Art Unit: 2143

Examiner: Mark Fearee

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the
above-identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

1. Prosecution on this application being closed (under either appeal, final action, notice of
allowance, or other prosecution closing action), this request is being submitted prior to the
earliest of:

- i. ☒ Abandonment of the application.
ii. ☐ Payment of issue fee, or
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- iii. ☐ Filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §1.313, or commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.
- iv. ☐ A decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences (this RCE is to be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application) - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this RCE is being filed.

SUBMISSIONS AND ENCLOSURES

2. Enclosed herewith is/are:
- i. ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time for _____ month(s).
- ii. ☒ **The enclosed Preliminary Amendment.**
- iii. ☐ Please enter the previously unentered Amendment faxed _____.
A copy ☐ is or ☒ is not provided herein.
- iv. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. §1.98) with PTO-1449 and _____ copies of references.
- v. ☐ New arguments or new evidence in support of patentability.
- vi. ☐ Other: _____

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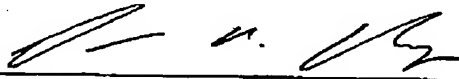
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4. ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 in the amount of **\$810.00**. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for filing this paper or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2179 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.25.

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